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For The Northern Mariana Islands  
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Criminal No. 05-00004

Plaintiff )

v. )

NOTICE OF ORDER DENYING  
DEFENDANT'S ORAL MOTION  
TO DELAY OR DEFER  
SURRENDER TO U.S. MARSHALS

FERMINA ATALIG, )

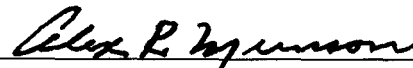
Defendant )

THIS MATTER came before the court this morning on defendant's oral motion to delay or defer compliance with the court's order that she surrender by noon today to the U.S. Marshals Service. Plaintiff appeared by and through its attorney, Eric O'Malley; defendant appeared personally and by and through her attorney, G. Anthony Long.

1 Defendant's motion for a delay in her surrender to federal authorities was  
2 denied. She cited the need for more time to arrange her affairs before she  
3 surrendered and also the upcoming holiday season and her desire to spend it with her  
4 family. The court found neither argument persuasive. Defendant was convicted and  
5 sentenced more than a year ago. During that time she has remained free pending  
6 appeal. Once her appeal was denied, she was certainly put on notice that  
7 imprisonment could be imminent and she had time then to arrange her affairs. As  
8 for her desire that she be allowed to enjoy the holiday season with her family, it is the  
9 court's strong belief that the interests of society and justice demand that defendant  
10 now begin serving the sentence imposed upon her. She has been accorded full due  
11 process and the opportunity to avail herself of appellate remedies. Accordingly, her  
12 motion to delay or defer her surrender was denied and the court's original order  
13 stands.  
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18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

19 DATED this 7th day of December, 2007.  
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ALEX R. MUNSON

Judge  
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